GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROJECT WITH FOREIGN AID
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether Rs.65 crores poverty alleviation project in urban areas called `City Alliance sponsored by the Italian Government has been finalised for implementation in various States;

(b): if so, whether the Government have asked the State Governments to send their projects for implementing the `City Alliance` project;

(c): if so, the details of States which have sent the proposals;

(d): the details of proposals received from the Andhra Pradesh and;

(e): the projects approved by the Union Government so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): The Government have accepted in principle the proposal of the Italian Government regarding Italian grant assistance of 20 billion Italian Lira equivalent to US $ 10.5million towards implementing the poverty alleviation projects on the lines of World Bank Programme entitled `City Alliance for Cities without slums`.

(b): Yes, Sir. All the State/UT Governments have been requested to submit their proposals in this regard.

(c): Only two State Governments - Kerala & Madhya Pradesh have sentttheir project proposals and seven other State Governments i.e. Meghalaya, Mizoram, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Delhi have shown their interest for availing the Italian Grant but have not submitted their proposals yet.

(d): No proposal from Andhra Pradesh Government underItalian Government`s Assistance Programme has been received.However, a proposal under `Hyderabad CDS initiative under the JointWorld Bank/UNCHS(Habitat) Cities Alliance Programme` has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government.

(e): None of the proposals have been approved as yet.